



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Trautman, *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/976,798

FILED: October 12, 2001

FOR: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PIERCING SKIN WITH  
MICROPROTRUSIONS**

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ART UNIT: 3763

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**AMENDMENT C**

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2005. Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time in which to file the response. A separate petition accompanies this paper. Grant of the petition extends the date for filing a response to October 23, 2005, but because October 23, 2005 is a Sunday, the time period for responding to the Office Action extends to the next business day, or Monday, October 24, 2005 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.7.

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